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out the defects in the existing system and referred to the advantages of instruction in technical subjects.

Dewan's reply.—The suggestions of the member are noted.

61. *Text-books for the Primary and Upper Primary classes.*

Mr. Subramonia Karayalan (Member, Shencottah Taluk) said that the text-books now prescribed for the pupils in the Primary and Upper Primary classes should be replaced by easier ones.

Dewan's reply.—There is no use in our going into details here about the unsuitability of text-books. The best thing will be for the member to put what he has to say in writing and send it in. We shall communicate it to the Text-Book Committee.

62. *Free schools for Mahomedans and their entertainment in service.*

Mr. Kochu Hassan Kunju of Quilon (Member, Nominated) said that there were hundreds of young and old men in the Mahomedan community without education of any kind and that they were leading a corrupt life and disturbing the peace of society. In the British parts, institutions for the free education of Mahomedan boys were very common. Unless Government came to their help, the community had no means for improving its present undesirable condition. He therefore urged that free schools be opened for Mahomedan boys. He also requested that as Mahomedans who had had English education were very few in number, Government might be pleased to encourage those of them who had some English education by employing them in the service of Government.

Dewan's reply.—There are now 10 Government and 13 aided schools, especially for Mahomedans. All Government schools are open to them. In 5 of the schools maintained by the Sirkar, *viz.*, the Mahomedan Upper Primary school at Changanacheri, the Residency Escort school, the Cantonment Mahomedan school, and the Kottar and Thiruvancode Mahomedan Girls' schools, no fees are levied. The question whether any further facilities should be given for the education of Mahomedans will be enquired into.

The applications of Mahomedans for appointments in the public service, for which they are educationally qualified, will be favourably considered.

VIII. Religious and Charitable Institutions.

63. *Charitable institutions under State management.*

Mr. K. G. Sesha Iyer (Member, Central Association, Trivandrum) requested that, with a view to effect, and as

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